

XXXVII.—*A List of Reptiles and Batrachians from the Island of Nias.* By G. A. BOULENGER.

THE following list is based on several collections recently transmitted to the Natural-History Museum by Dr. M. Schreiber. The collector is Hr. Sandemann. The herpetological fauna of Nias has already formed the subject of a paper by Dr. J. G. Fischer †, who enumerates twenty-two Reptiles and three Batrachians. Twenty-seven Reptiles and six Batrachians are recorded below, of which eleven of the former and four of the latter (preceded by an asterisk) are not mentioned in Fischer's list. On the other hand, the following species recorded in the latter have apparently not reached us:—*Gehyra mutilata*, Wieg. ; *Tiliqua sulcata*, Ptrs. ; *Tiliqua percarinata*, Ptrs. ; *Ablabes ornatus*, Schleg. ; *Ablabes baliodirus*, Schleg. ; *Callophis flaviceps*, Cant. ; and *Rana chalconota*, Schleg. The snake described by Fischer as *Simotes affinis*, sp. n., I identify as *S. labuanensis*, Gthr. ; and his *Trimeresurus erythrurus*, Cant., var., I suspect to be *T. formosus*, Schleg.

REPTILIA.

- *1. *Hemidactylus frenatus*, D. & B.
2. *Gecko stentor* (Cant.).
3. *Gecko monarchus* (D. & B.).
- *4. *Ptychozoon homalocephalum* (Crev.).
5. *Draco volans*, L.
- *6. *Aphaniotis fusca*, Ptrs.
7. *Gonyocephalus grandis* (Gray).
8. *Calotes cristatellus* (Kuhl).
- *9. *Tiliqua rufescens* (Shaw).
10. *Xenopeltis unicolor*, Reinw.
- *11. *Calamaria Stahlknehti*, Stol.

Three specimens of a *Calamaria* agree so well in most respects with Stoliczka's description of *C. Stahlknehti* (Journ. As. Soc. Beng. xlii. 1873, p. 119, pl. xi. fig. 2), from Sumatra, that I can separate them only as a colour-variety. The lower surface of the body is either uniform yellowish or

† Abhandl. naturw. Ver. Hamburg, ix. (1885).

with distant, ill-defined, black cross bars. Ventrals 147, 148, 150; caudals 23, 22, 22.

- *12. *Pseudorhabdion longiceps* (Cant.).
- 13. *Simotes labuanensis*, Gthr.
- *14. *Simotes octolineatus* (Schn.).
- 15. *Oligodon trilineatus* (D. & B.).
- 16. *Tropidonotus trianguligerus*, Boié.
- 17. *Tropidonotus chrysargos*, Boié.
- *18. *Hypsirhina albomaculata*, D. & B.
- *19. *Zapyrus fuscus*, Gthr.
- 20. *Chrysopelea ornata* (Shaw).
- 21. *Dendrophis picta* (Gm.).
- 22. *Dendrophis caudolineata* (Gray).
- 23. *Dryophis prasina*, Reinw.
- *24. *Ophites subcinctus* (Boié).
- *25. *Ophites albofuscus* (D. & B.).

An adult specimen measures 177 centim. Uniform blackish brown above, white inferiorly. Ventrals 238; caudals 155.

- 26. *Callophis intestinalis* (Laur.).
- 27. *Bothrops formosus* (Schleg.).

BATRACHIA.

- 1. *Rana macrodon*, Kuhl.
- *2. *Rana nicobariensis* (Stol.).

Hylorana nicobariensis, Stoliczka, Journ. As. Soc. Beng. 1870, xxxix. p. 150, pl. ix. fig. 2.

Very closely allied to *R. alticola*, Blgr., from which it is distinguished by the rather longer toes, the length of the foot nearly equalling that of the tibia. In *R. alticola* the foot measures about three fourths the length of the tibia. A single specimen, obtained from the stomach of a snake.

- *3. *Rana erythræa* (Schleg.).
- *4. *Callula baleata* (Müll.).
- 5. *Bufo claviger*, Ptrs.
- *6. *Ichthyophis glutinosus* (L.).